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I'M PLEDGING ALF-A ETA CHICKEN THI!

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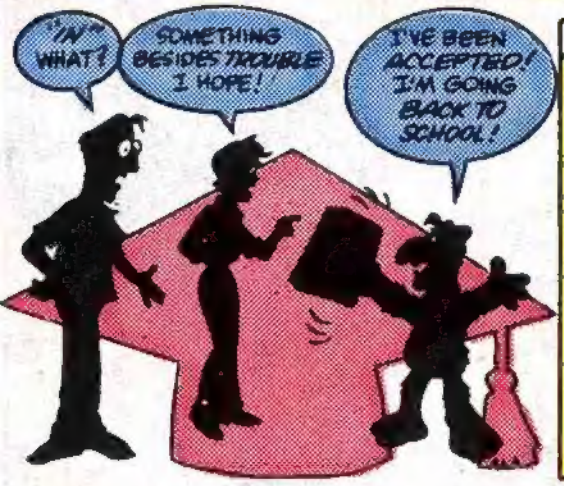
JUST A MINUTE, ALF! HOW DO I KNOW THIS WON'T LEAD TO ANOTHER DELIVERY OF BAMBOO STEAMERS, CHIA PETS OR THE SEVEN ALBUM SET OF "ZAMFIR'S GREATEST PAN PIPE HITS"?
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT, WILLIE...! CROSS MY HEART!

VERY WELL-- HERE!
DO YOU NEED A LETTER OPEN... NEVER MIND-- SILLY QUESTION!
SHRED
TEAR
RIP
SLASH
SLICE
REND

HMM-- IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!
ALL RIGHT! I'M IN!


"IN" WHAT?
SOMETHING BESIDES TROUBLE I HOPE!
I'VE BEEN ACCEPTED! I'M GOING BACK TO SCHOOL!

SCHOOL?
I CAN'T HELP IT-- I'M A VICTIM OF MADISON AVENUE! ALL THESE ADS SHOWING KIDS RETURNING HAPPILY TO CLASS, INSPIRED ME TO APPLY FOR MY EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA!
WELCOME
STUDENT GUIDE

EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA...? NOW HOLD ON, ALF...
I KNOW IT DISGRACES YOU, WILLIE... BUT I NEVER FINISHED COLLEGE! I WAS 3 CREDITS AWAY FROM GRADUATING WHEN MELMAC BLEW UP! YOU GOTTA ADMIT, THAT'S A REASONABLE EXCUSE!
SH-BOOM!
HMM... I WONDER IF MY "TRIPLE A" COVERS THIS!
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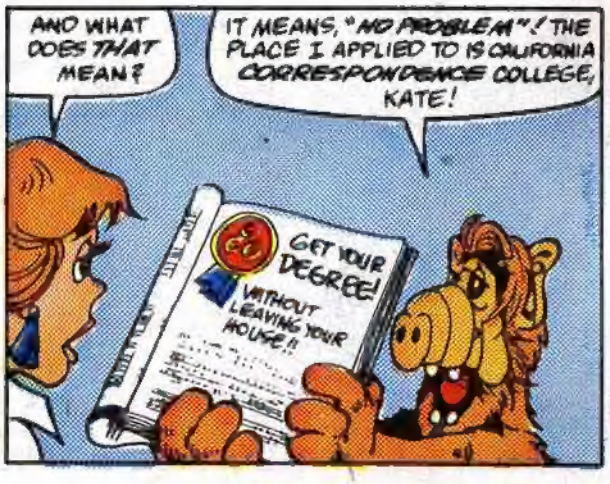
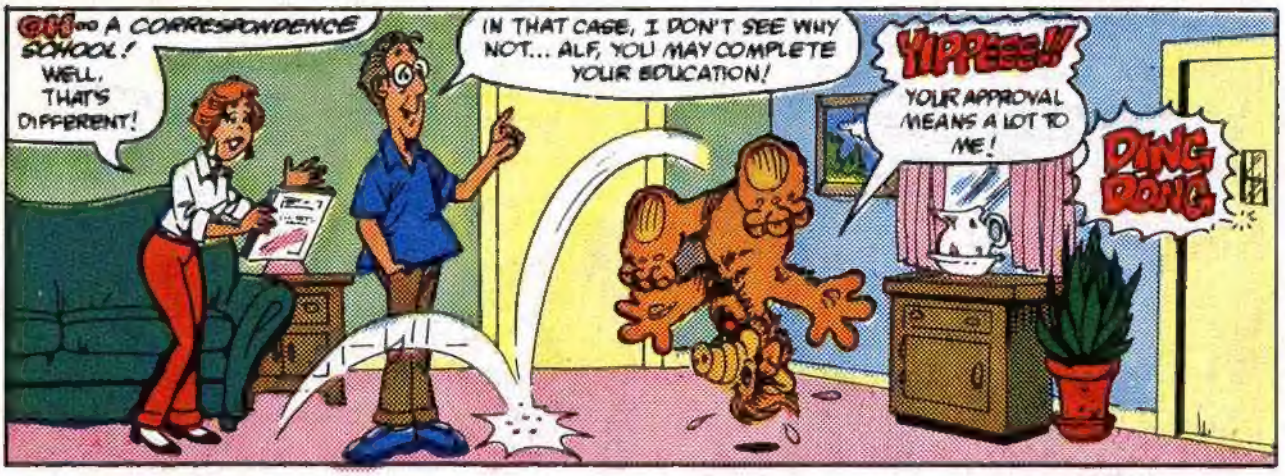
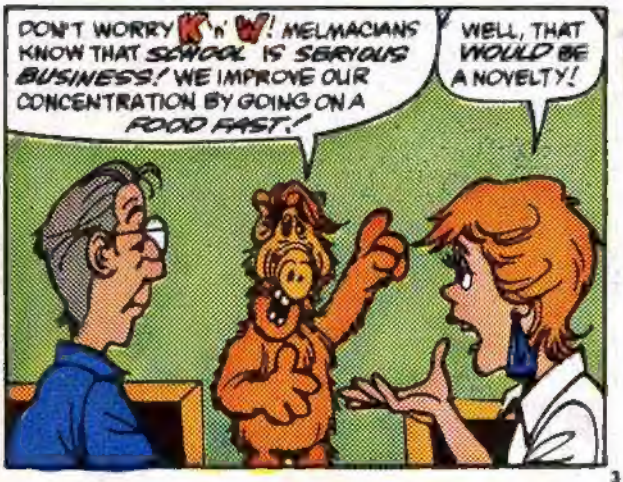
ALF... IT'S A VERY NOBLE IDEA, BUT YOU CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL!
" Tis education forms the common mind: just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."
Alexander Pope--
Moral Essays
Epistle 1-line 149


AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS, "NO PROBLEM"! THE PLACE I APPLIED TO IS CALIFORNIA CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE, KATE!
GET YOUR DEGREE! WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOUSE!!

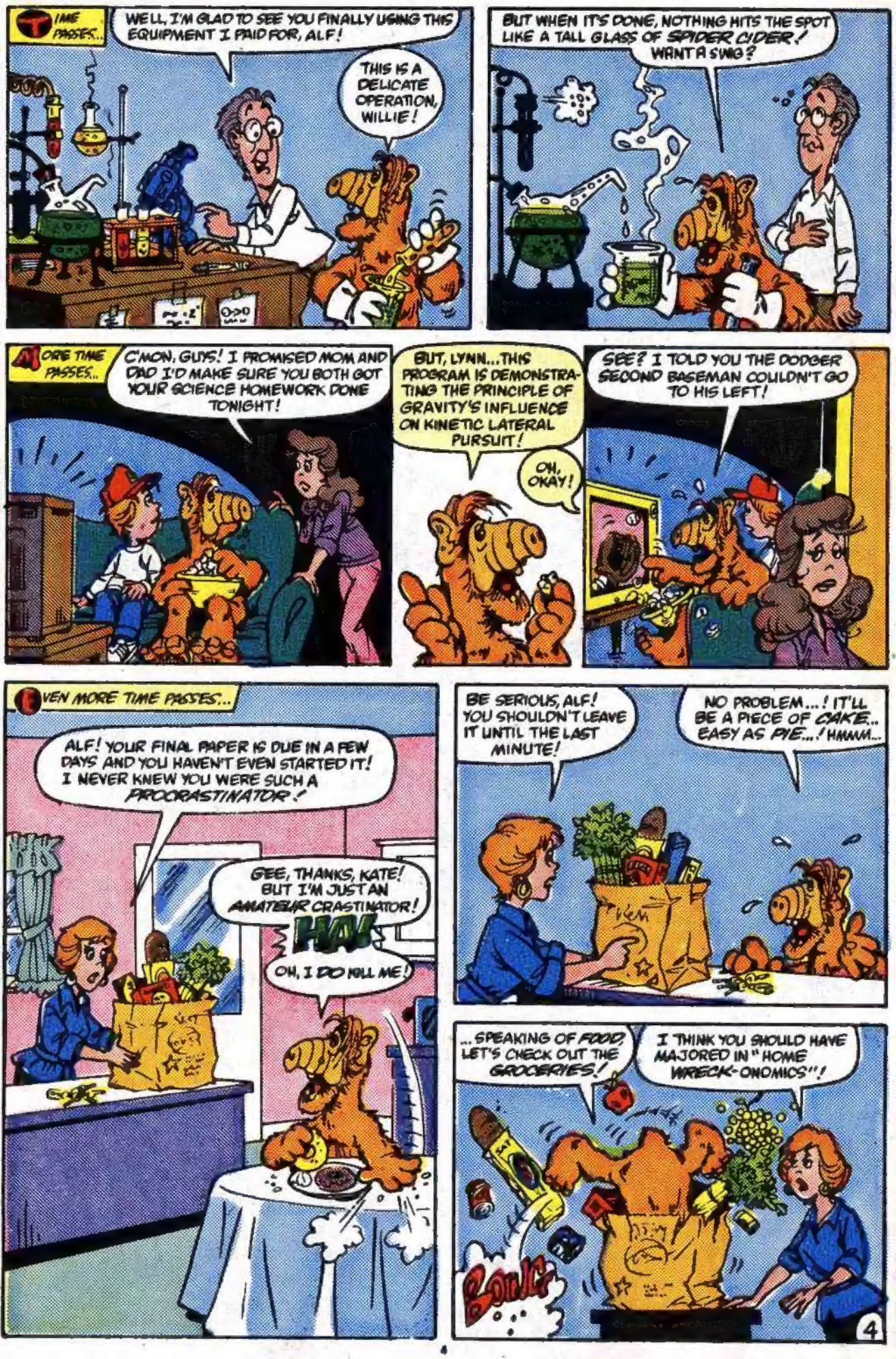

OH... A CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL! WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT!
IN THAT CASE, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT... ALF, YOU MAY COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION!
YIPPEE!! YOUR APPROVAL MEANS A LOT TO ME!
DING DONG

YES...?
HI... SCHOLASTIC SUPPLIES, INC.! I'VE GOT A DELIVERY FOR G. SHUMWAY! SEVENTEEN TEXTBOOKS AND TWELVE CRATES OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT!
FRAGILE

SEE? I TOLD YOU IT MEANT A LOT!
YES, I'D CALL $ 872.43 " A LOT"!...
TIPPA TOP TIPPA TOP
FRAGILE


DON'T WORRY K 'n' W! MELMACIANS KNOW THAT SCHOOL IS SERIOUS BUSINESS! WE IMPROVE OUR CONCENTRATION BY GOING ON A FOOD FAST!
WELL, THAT WOULD BE A NOVELTY!

YEAH... IT MEANS I'LL BE EATING MY FOOD TWICE AS FAST AS BEFORE! 'SCUSE ME...
SIGH: IF ALF'S THE ONE GOING TO SCHOOL, WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING TESTED?


TIME PASSES...
WELL, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU FINALLY USING THIS EQUIPMENT I PAID FOR, ALF!
THIS IS A DELICATE OPERATION, WILLIE!
BUT WHEN IT'S DONE, NOTHING HITS THE SPOT LIKE A TALL GLASS OF SPIDER CIDER! WANT A SWIG?
ONE TIME PASSES...
C'MON, GUYS! I PROMISED MOM AND DAD I'D MAKE SURE YOU BOTH GOT YOUR SCIENCE HOMEWORK DONE TONIGHT!
BUT, LYNN... THIS PROGRAM IS DEMONSTRATING THE PRINCIPLE OF GRAVITY'S INFLUENCE ON KINETIC LATERAL PURSUIT!
OH, OKAY!
SEE? I TOLD YOU THE DODGER SECOND BASEMAN COULDN'T GO TO HIS LEFT!
EVEN MORE TIME PASSES...
ALF! YOUR FINAL PAPER IS DUE IN A FEW DAYS AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED IT! I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE SUCH A PROCRASTINATOR!
GEE, THANKS, KATE! BUT I'M JUST AN AMATEUR CRASTINATOR!
HAW
OH, I DO KILL ME!
BE SERIOUS, ALF! YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!
NO PROBLEM...! IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE... EASY AS PIE...! HMMM...
...SPEAKING OF FOOD, LET'S CHECK OUT THE GROCERIES!
I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE MAJORED IN "HOME WRECK-ONOMICS"!
SOUL
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UNTIL LATE ONE NIGHT THE FOLLOWING WEEK...
BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL, ALF?
HMM? YEAH... KATE WON'T LET ME DRINK IT!
WELL, IF YOU HADN'T DELAYED SO LONG...
AW, I DON'T MIND AN ALL-NIGHTER! ESPECIALLY WHEN I KNOW MY PAPER WILL SET THE WORLD ON ITS EAR!
UH-OH! WHY? WHAT'S YOUR PAPER ABOUT?
WELL, AT FIRST, I WAS GONNA KEEP IT SIMPLE! YOU KNOW-- SPINNING STRAW INTO GOLD...!
...OR YOUR BASIC MATTER/ANTI-MATTER POWERED MOUSE-TRAP!
BUT THEN, I DECIDED TO TACKLE THE MOST BAFFLING PROBLEM IN THE UNIVERSE!
TAKES 342 "AA" BATT.
EXTRA
GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MYSTERY OF ALL TIME SOLVED!
The THERMOS!
IT KEEPS HOT THINGS HOT AND COLD THINGS COLD! HOW DOES IT KNOW?!!
chuckle
SURE, LAUGH! JUST LIKE THEY LAUGHED AT FRED MELMACMURRAY WHEN HE INVENTED FLUBBER!
GOOD NIGHT, ALF!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
QUICK! SOMEBODY CHECK THE MAILBOX! MY GRADES MAY HAVE COME!
ALF-- WE JUST LOOKED TWO MINUTES AGO!
A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN TWO MINUTES! REMEMBER MY THREE MINUTE EGGS EXPLODING IN THE MICROWAVE?
VIVIDLY!
Ding Dong!
I GOT IT!
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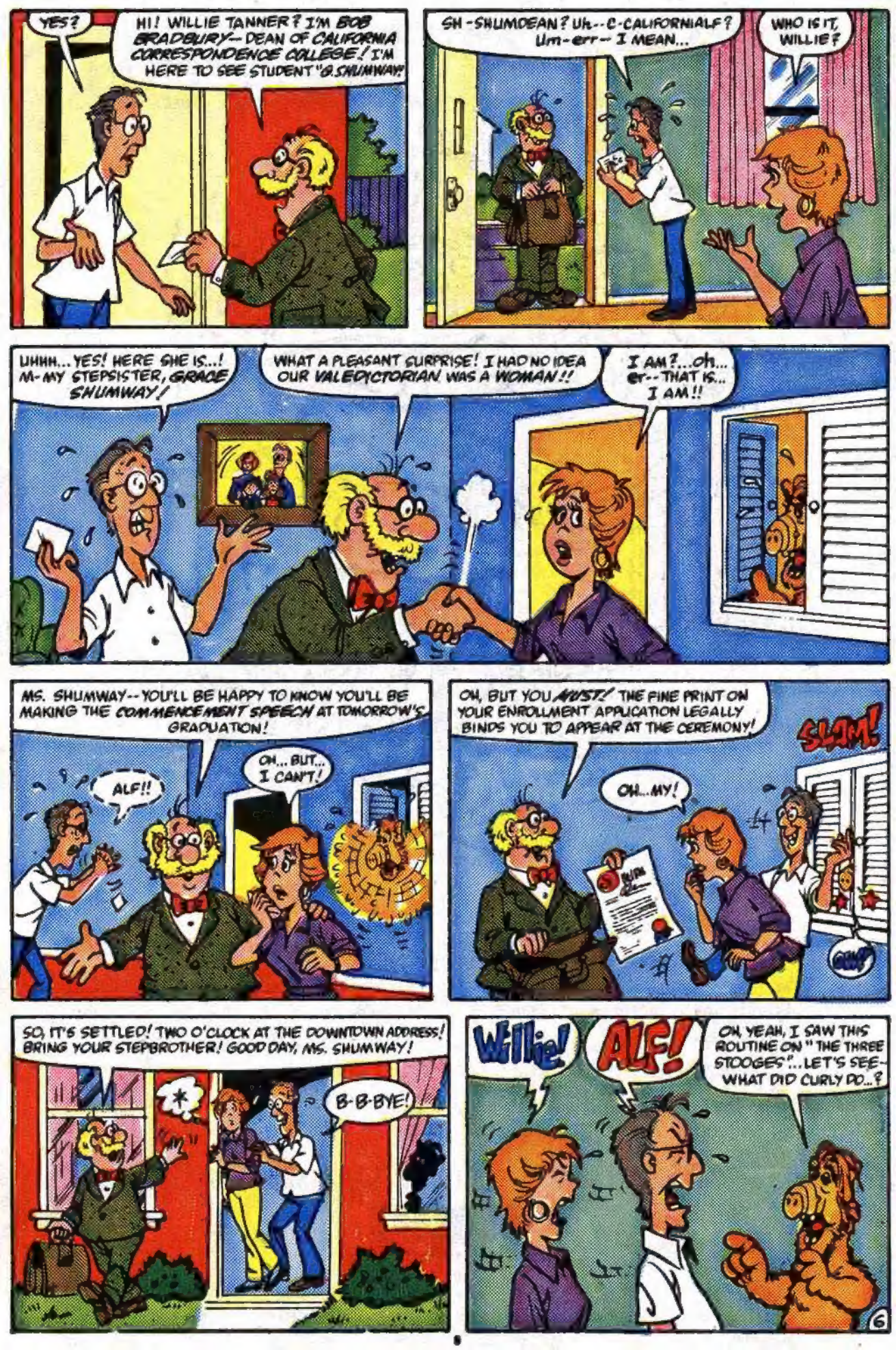
YES?
HI! WILLIE TANNER? I'M BOB BRADBURY-- DEAN OF CALIFORNIA CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE! I'M HERE TO SEE STUDENT "G. SHUMWAY!"
SH-SHUMDEAN? UH--C-CALIFORNIALF? UM-ERR-- I MEAN...
WHO IS IT, WILLIE?
UHHH... YES! HERE SHE IS...! M-MY STEPSISTER, GRACE SHUMWAY!
WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE! I HAD NO IDEA OUR VALEDICTORIAN WAS A WOMAN!!
I AM?...OH... ER--THAT IS... I AM!!
MS. SHUMWAY--YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW YOU'LL BE MAKING THE COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AT TOMORROW'S GRADUATION!
ALF!!
OH... BUT... I CAN'T!
OH, BUT YOU MUST! THE FINE PRINT ON YOUR ENROLLMENT APPLICATION LEGALLY BINDS YOU TO APPEAR AT THE CEREMONY!
SLAM!
OH...MY!
SO, IT'S SETTLED! TWO O'CLOCK AT THE DOWNTOWN ADDRESS! BRING YOUR STEPBROTHER! GOOD DAY, MS. SHUMWAY!
B-B-BYE!
Willie!
ALF!
OH, YEAH, I SAW THIS ROUTINE ON "THE THREE STOOGES"... LET'S SEE- WHAT DID CURLY DO...?
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UH-OH... THIS COULD BE THE PROVERBIAL "STRAW THAT BROKE THE LUNAR COCKROACH'S BACK"!

ALF...
WAIT! BEFORE YOU SKIN ME, SAUTÉ ME, PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 450° AND BAKE ME UNTIL I'M GOLDEN BROWN, LISTEN TO MY PLAN!

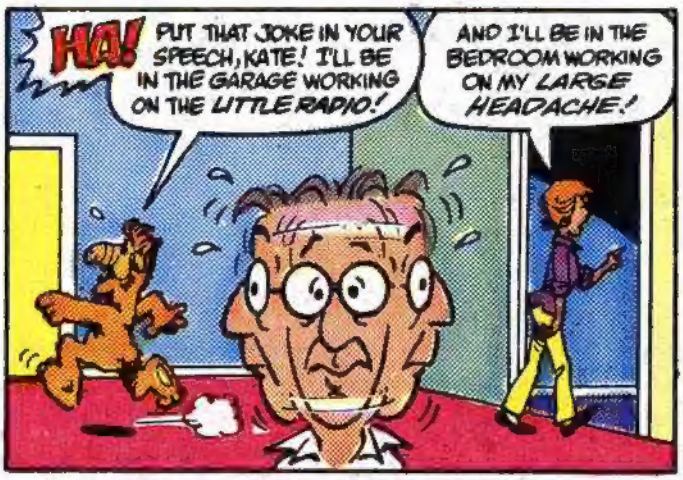
PLAN?!
SURE!

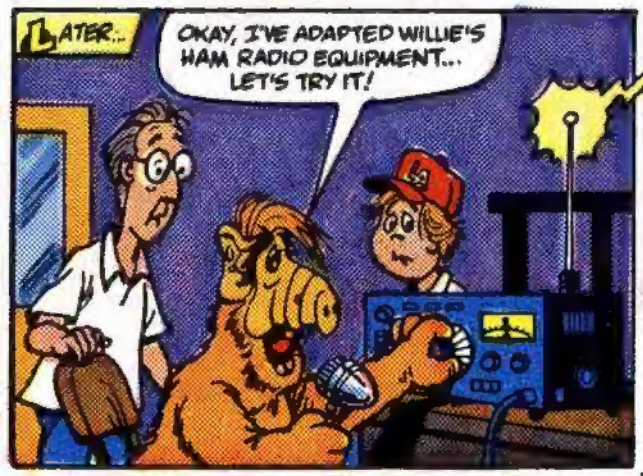
A YOU CAN'T RISK A LAWSUIT WITH THE COLLEGE, SO KATE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A SPEECH!

3 CHEERS FOR SHUMWAY!
10-Q! 10-Q!
B I DESERVE TO HEAR THE CEREMONY, SINCE IT WAS MY PAPER THAT MADE "Ms. Shumway" VALEDICTORIAN, SO--

C I'LL RIG UP A TINY TWO-WAY RADIO THAT KATE CAN WEAR AS AN EARRING AT THE GRADUATION!!!

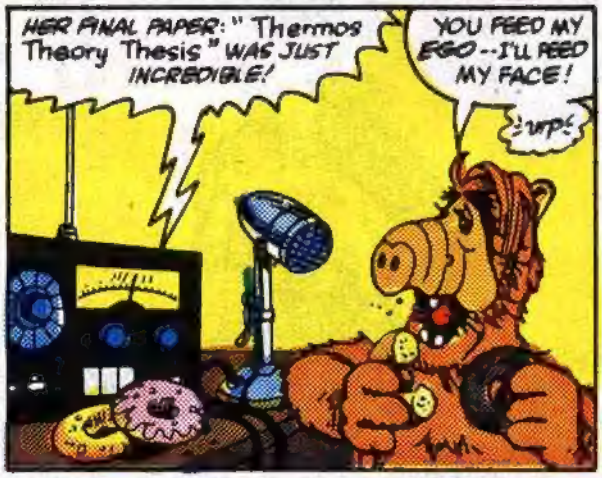
HMMM... IT MIGHT WORK...
SURE IT WILL! HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN THE ALFSTER'S PLANS TO GO WRONG?
NOT IN THE LAST TEN SECONDS!

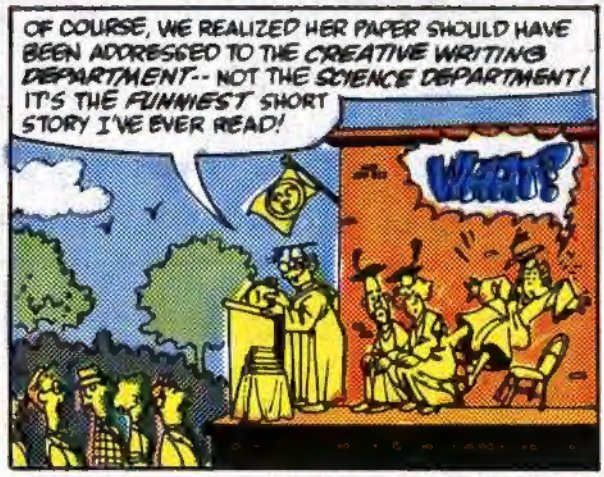

HA!
PUT THAT JOKE IN YOUR SPEECH, KATE! I'LL BE IN THE GARAGE WORKING ON THE LITTLE RADIO!
AND I'LL BE IN THE BEDROOM WORKING ON MY LARGE HEADACHE!

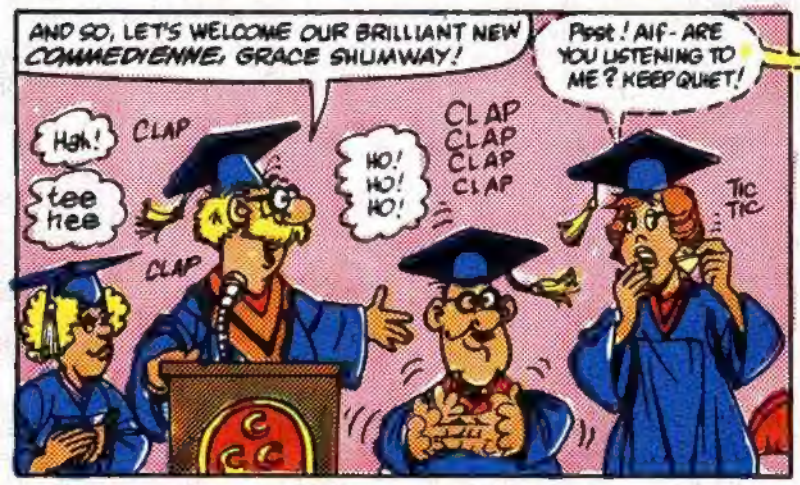

LATER...
OKAY, I'VE ADAPTED WILLIE'S HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT... LET'S TRY IT!

HELLO, LADIES! CAN YOU HEAR ME IN THERE...?
WOW!
LOUD AND CLEAR, ALF... MOSTLY LOUD!
EXCELLENT! I'LL TAKE A CHEESE-WHOPPER WITH EXTRA PEAT MOSS!
HA!

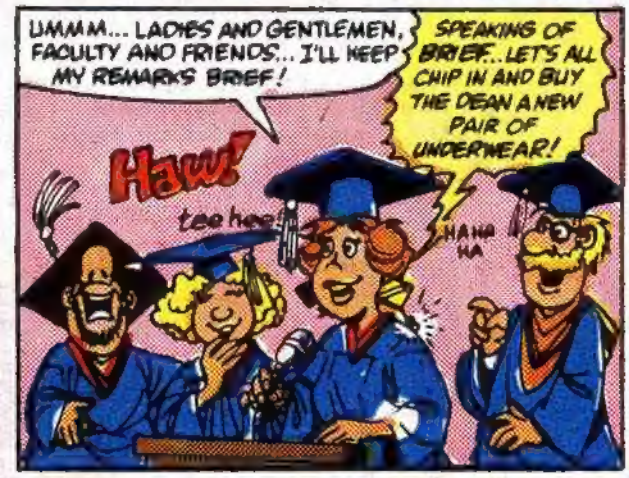
AND SO, THE NEXT DAY AT CALIFORNIA CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE...
BEFORE I INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR VALEDICTORIAN, LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT OUR MS SHUMWAY..
YEAW!
Shhh!

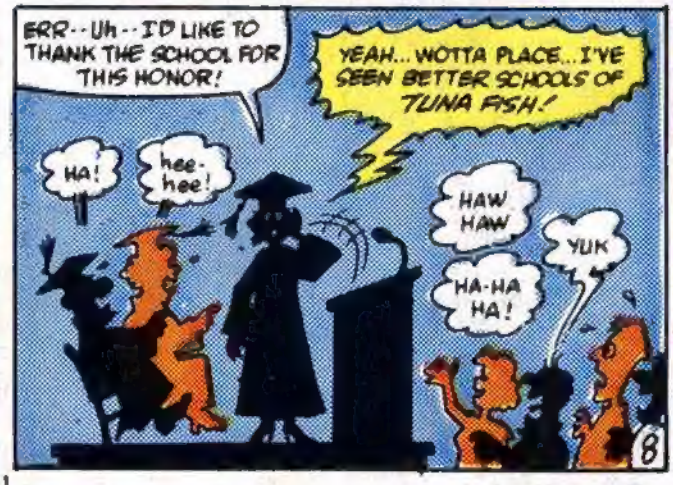

HER FINAL PAPER: "Thermos Theory Thesis" WAS JUST INCREDIBLE!
YOU FEED MY EGO--I'LL FEED MY FACE!
Wp!


OF COURSE, WE REALIZED HER PAPER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE CREATIVE WRITING DEPARTMENT-- NOT THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT! IT'S THE FUNNIEST SHORT STORY I'VE EVER READ!
WHAT?


AND SO, LET'S WELCOME OUR BRILLIANT NEW COMMEDIENNE, GRACE SHUMWAY!
Psst! Alf- ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME? KEEP QUIET!
Hah!
CLAP
tee hee
CLAP
HO! HO! HO!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
TIC TIC

...ALF?... I'M WARNING YOU!
SO, YOU THINK I'M FUNNY, EH? LAUGH THIS OFF, SUMA CUM LOUD-ERS!
TIC TIC


UMMM... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FACULTY AND FRIENDS... I'LL KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF!
SPEAKING OF BRIEF... LET'S ALL CHIP IN AND BUY THE DEAN A NEW PAIR OF UNDERWEAR!
Haw!
tee hee
HA HA HA


ERR--Uh--I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SCHOOL FOR THIS HONOR!
YEAH... WOTTA PLACE... I'VE SEEN BETTER SCHOOLS OF TUNA FISH!
HA!
hee-hee!
HAW HAW
YUK
HA-HA HA!
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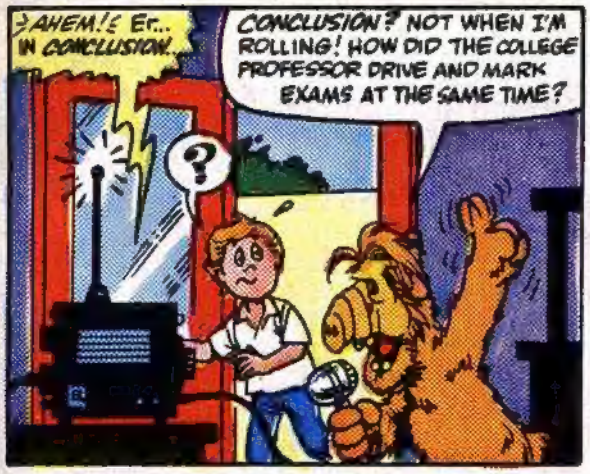
AHEM! Er... IN CONCLUSION...
CONCLUSION? NOT WHEN I'M ROLLING! HOW DID THE COLLEGE PROFESSOR DRIVE AND MARK EXAMS AT THE SAME TIME?
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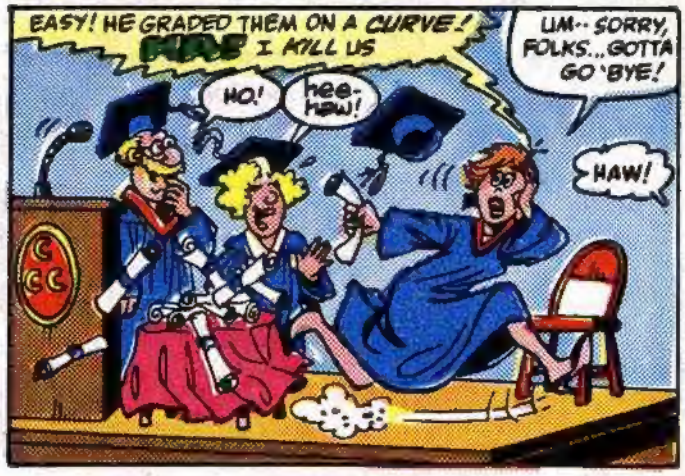
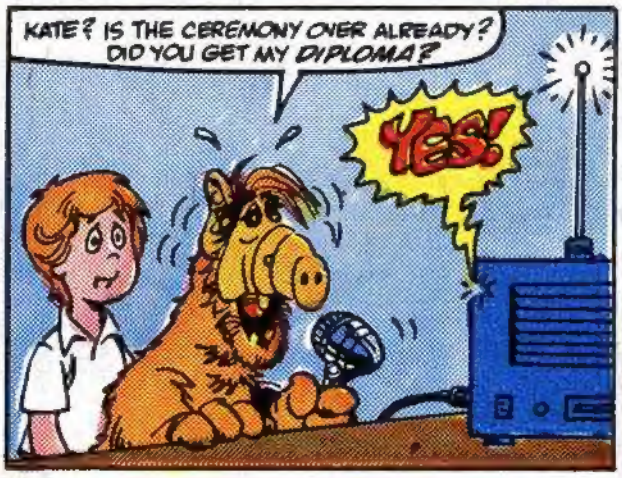
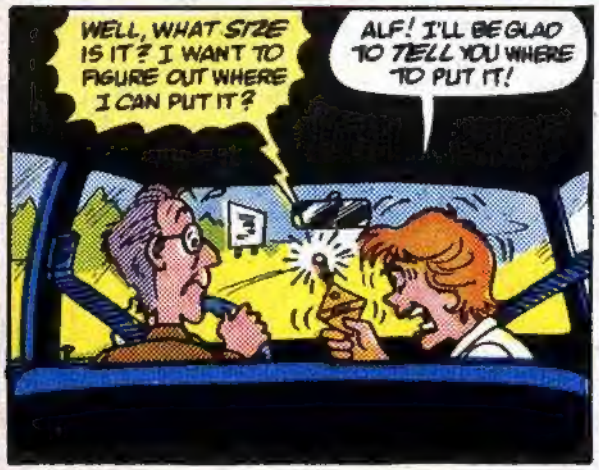

EASY! HE GRADED THEM ON A CURVE!
MAS I KILL US
HO!
hee-haw!
UM... SORRY, FOLKS... GOTTA GO 'BYE!
HAW!

LET'S HEAR IT FOR GRACE SHUMWAY, FOLKS!
HOORAY!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
LET'S GET HOME FAST, WILLIE... MELMACIAN HUNTING SEASON JUST OPENED OFFICIALLY!
10-Q! 10-Q!
C CC PARKING

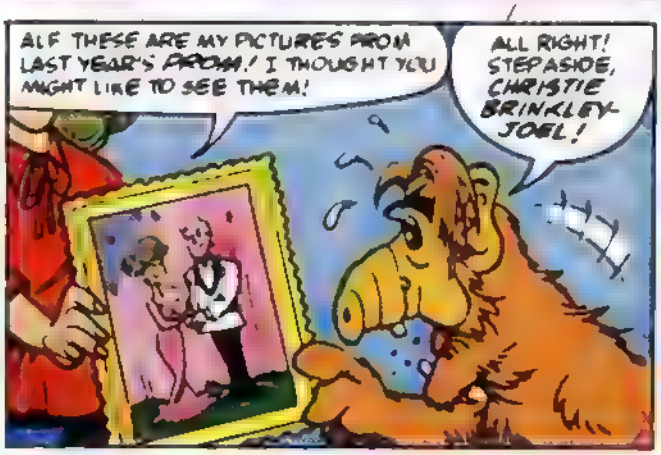
AND NOW I'D LIKE TO DO A FEW IMPRESSIONS!
ALF! MY FRYING PAN'S GOING TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON YOUR HEAD!

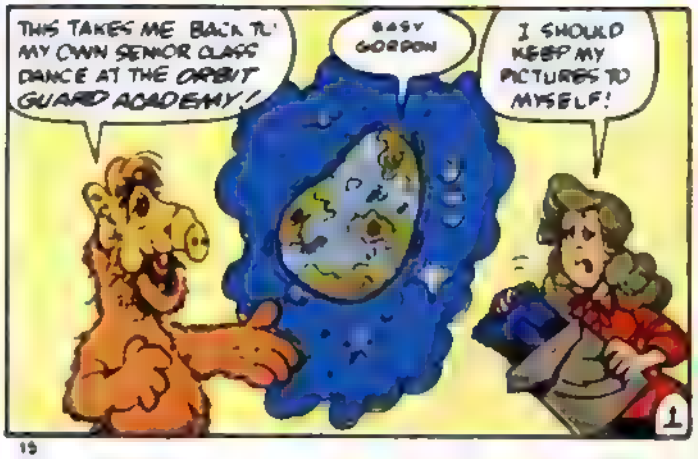

KATE? IS THE CEREMONY OVER ALREADY? DID YOU GET MY DIPLOMA?
YES!

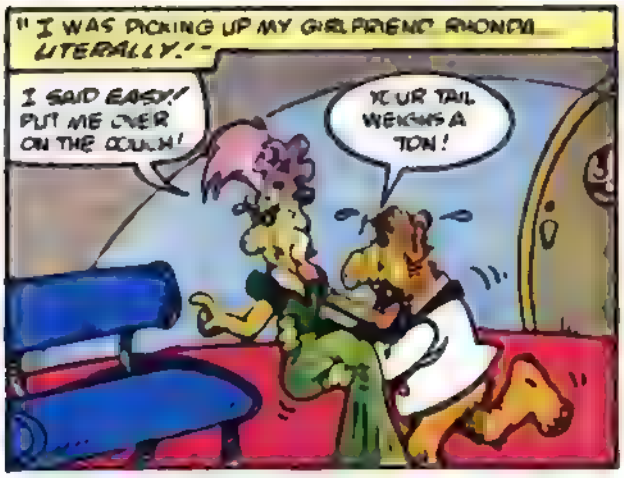

WELL, WHAT SIZE IS IT? I WANT TO FIGURE OUT WHERE I CAN PUT IT?
ALF! I'LL BE GLAD TO TELL YOU WHERE TO PUT IT!

YOU CAN TAKE IT AND...
CLICK!
WHOA! EASY, KATE! AFTER ALL, THIS IS A STAR COMIC!
WHAT!
& THE END

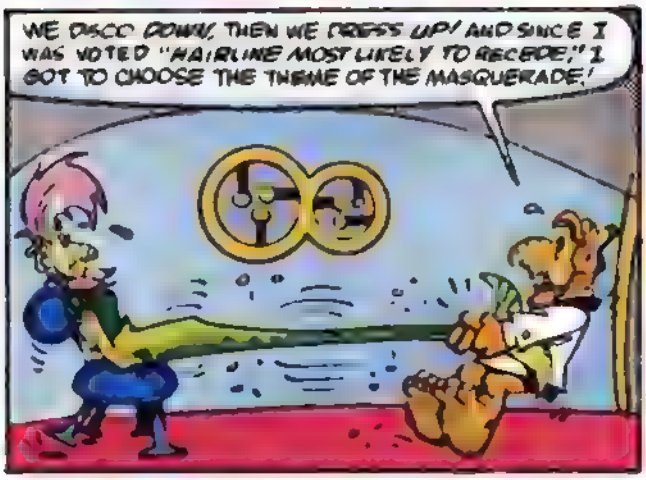
ALF IN MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

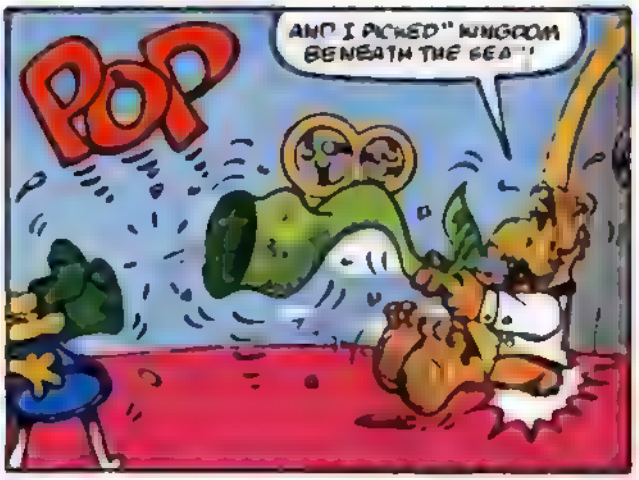


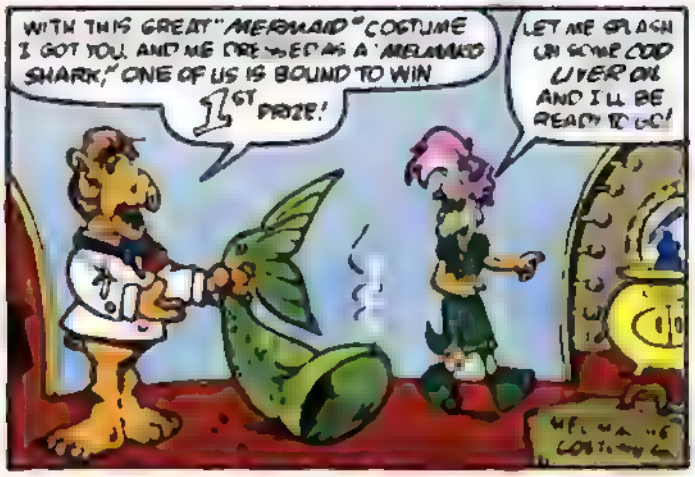


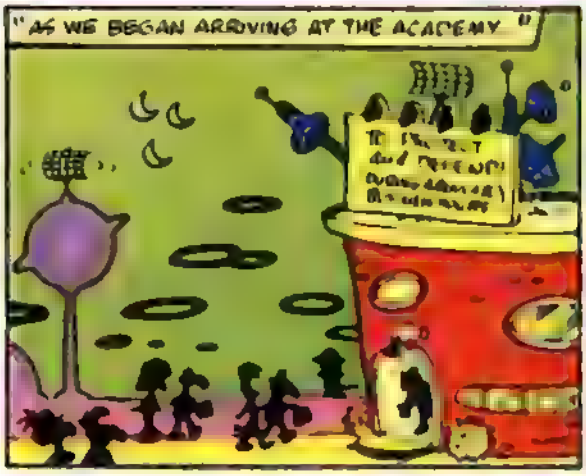

"I WAS PICKING UP MY GIRLFRIEND RHONDA... LITERALLY."
I SAID EASY! PUT ME OVER ON THE COUCH!
YOUR TAIL WEIGHS A TON!

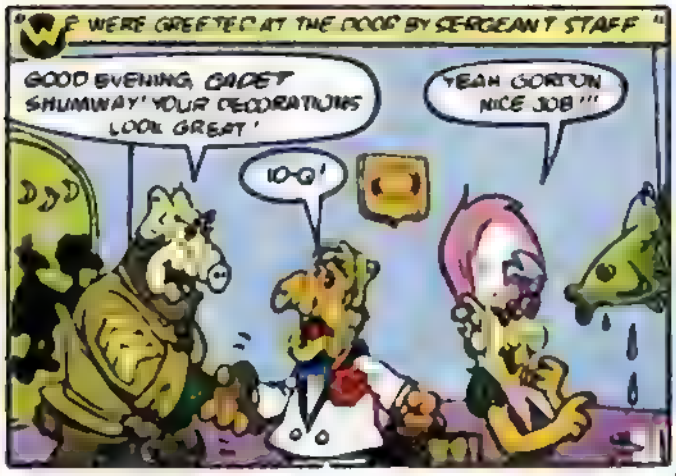
CUT THE WISECRACKS! I DON'T SEE WHY THE GRADUATION DANCE HAS TO HAVE A COSTUME PARTY, ANYHOW!
BUT RONNIE, BABY IT'S TRADITION!
PLOP

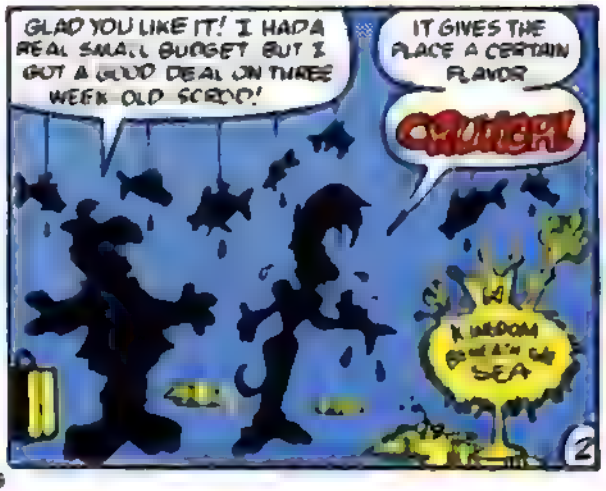

WE DISCO DOWN, THEN WE DRESS UP! AND SINCE I WAS VOTED "HAIRLINE MOST LIKELY TO RECEDE," I GOT TO CHOOSE THE THEME OF THE MASQUERADE!


POP
AND I PICKED "KINGDOM BENEATH THE SEA"!


WITH THIS GREAT "MERMAID" COSTUME I GOT YOU, AND ME DRESSED AS A "MELANOID SHARK," ONE OF US IS BOUND TO WIN 1ST PRIZE!
LET ME SPLASH ON SOME COD LIVER OIL AND I'LL BE READY TO GO!


"AS WE BEGAN ARRIVING AT THE ACADEMY..."


"WE WERE GREETED AT THE DOOR BY SERGEANT STAFF..."
GOOD EVENING, CADET SHUMWAY! YOUR DECORATIONS LOOK GREAT!
YEAH GORTON NICE JOB!!!
10-4!


GLAD YOU LIKE IT! I HAD A REAL SMALL BUDGET BUT I GOT A GOOD DEAL ON THREE WEEK OLD SCROD!
IT GIVES THE PLACE A CERTAIN FLAVOR
CRUNCH!
KINGDOM BENEATH THE SEA
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"'D HIRED THE HOTTEST BAND AROUND--FLEETWOOD MELMAC! THEY HAD THE PLACE ROCKIN' IN NO TIME!"

"VERYTHING WAS GOING SMOOTH AS SPIDER PUDDING--UNTIL HE SHOWED UP!"

MIND IF I CUT IN... THIS WAY?!?

"HE WAS TOM BRUISE--A JEALOUS CLASSMATE WHO ALWAYS CAME IN SECOND TO ME! NOT ONLY THAT, HE HAD A HUGE CRUSH ON RHONDA!"

Growl.

Snarl

"EVERYONE KNEW WE WERE FIERCE RIVALS! WE PREPARED TO BATTLE BY PERFORMING THE MELMALE RUTTING RITUAL!"

NICE RUT, BOYS!

"UNTIL THE SARGE CAME ALONG..."

AWRIGHT, BOZOS! SETTLE YER DIFFERENCES OUTSIDE!

eep!

URK!

RUB NOSES AND COME OUT FIGHTING! AND MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!

EXIT

PUNT

OKAY, BRUISE--HERE COMES RHONDA WITH THE DUELING BOX! AND REMEMBER, AS THE ONE CHALLENGED, I GET TO CHOOSE WHAT FLAVOR WE USE!

GO AHEAD, PUNK!

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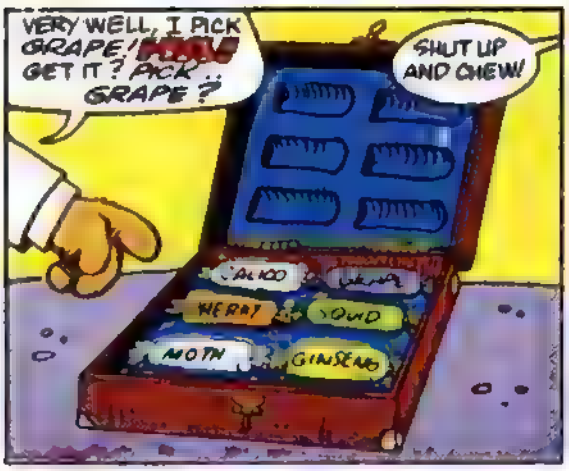
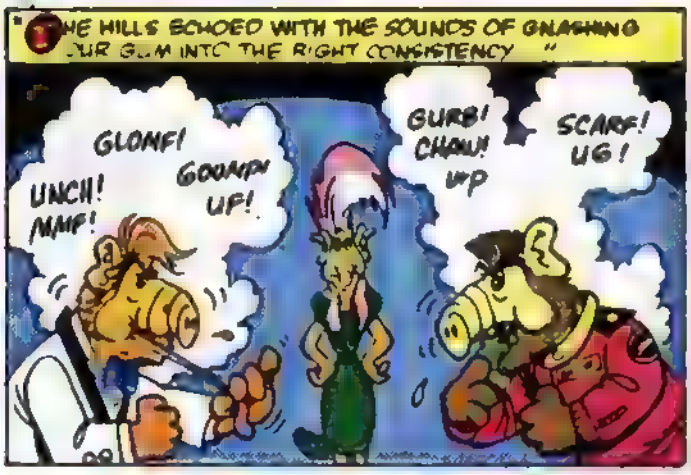
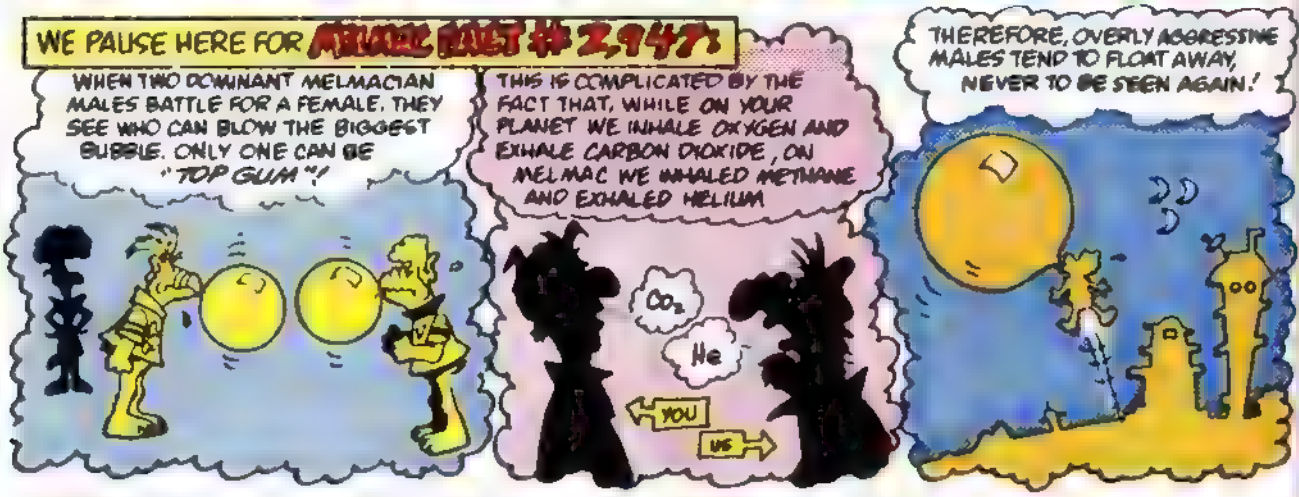
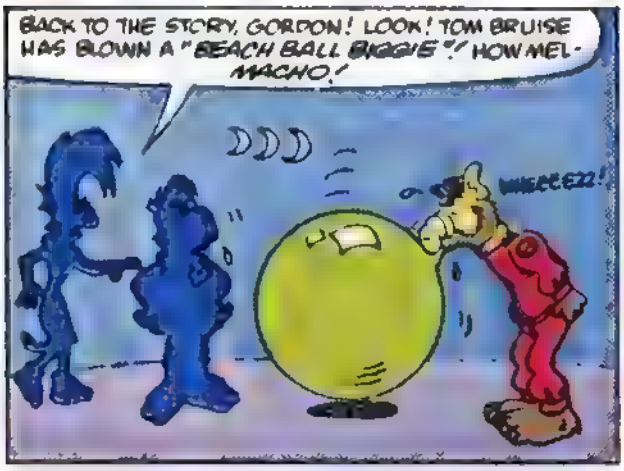
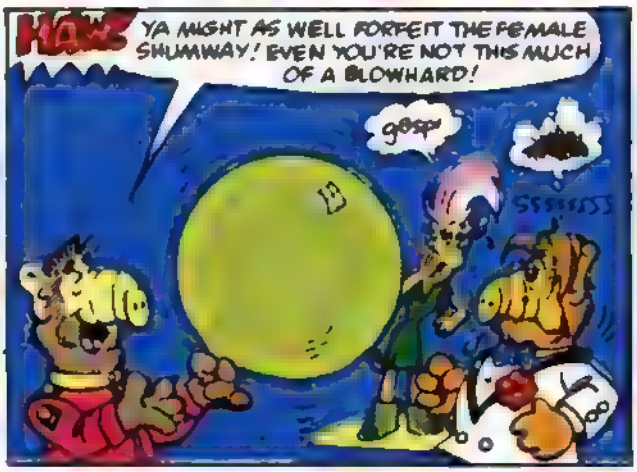
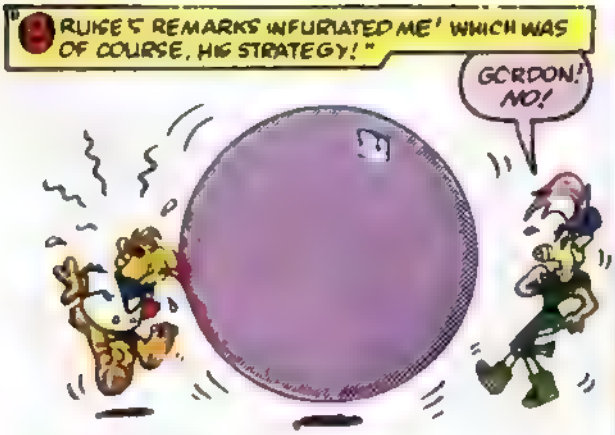

VERY WELL, I PICK GRAPE! GET IT? PICK.. GRAPE?
SHUT UP AND CHEW!
CALICO
BERRY
MOTH
GINSENG


"THE HILLS ECHOED WITH THE SOUNDS OF GNASHING OUR GUM INTO THE RIGHT CONSISTENCY."
GLOMF!
UNCH! MMF!
GOOMPH UP!
GURB! CHAW! UP
SCARF! UG!


WE PAUSE HERE FOR MELMAC FACT #2,947:
WHEN TWO DOMINANT MELMACIAN MALES BATTLE FOR A FEMALE, THEY SEE WHO CAN BLOW THE BIGGEST BUBBLE. ONLY ONE CAN BE "TOP GUM"!
THIS IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT, WHILE ON YOUR PLANET WE INHALE OXYGEN AND EXHALE CARBON DIOXIDE, ON MELMAC WE INHALED METHANE AND EXHALED HELIUM
CO_2
He
YOU
US
THEREFORE, OVERLY AGGRESSIVE MALES TEND TO FLOAT AWAY, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN!


BACK TO THE STORY, GORDON! LOOK! TOM BRUISE HAS BLOWN A "BEACH BALL BIGGIE"! HOW MEL-MACHO!
WHEEEEZZ!


HOW!
YA MIGHT AS WELL FORFEIT THE FEMALE SHUMWAY! EVEN YOU'RE NOT THIS MUCH OF A BLOWHARD!
gasp
SSSSSSS


"BRUISE'S REMARKS INFURIATED ME! WHICH WAS OF COURSE, HIS STRATEGY!"
GORDON! NO!

"I'D OVERDONE IT! I STARTED RISING LIKE TABBY SOUFFLÉ!"
GORDON!
HOW!

"A STIFF UPDRAFT CAUGHT ME AND I WAS A GONER!"

C'MERE, BABY!

GORDON!

YOU KEEP YOUR PAWS OFF ME, YOU MUD MAGGOT! YOU TOPSOIL SLUG! YOU EARTH WORM!

I LOVE IT WHEN YOU TALK DIRTY!

I WON YOU UNFAIR AND SQUARE! NOW YOU'RE GONNA WEAR MY PIN! LET'S SEAL THE DEAL WITH A KICE, BIG...

SNORB!

EEEEEK!

OUCH!

"TOM DIDN'T KNOW IT, BUT HE'D SAID THE MAGIC WORD..."

PIN!

ZIP

"USING THE PIN FROM MY BOUTONNIERE, I PUNCTURED THE BUBBLE!

PWAP

"MY ORBIT GUARD TRAINING CAME IN HANDY AS I STEERED IT TOWARDS THE UNHAPPY COUPLE!"

FSSSSS

I'LL TEACH YOU TO BITE MY NOSE!

HELP!

"AND IT LANDED SMACK ON TOP OF MY LOW-CLASS MATE"

HOW'D I DO, RONNIE?

SPLAT!

GAAA!!

YOU WERE GRAPE!

HA!

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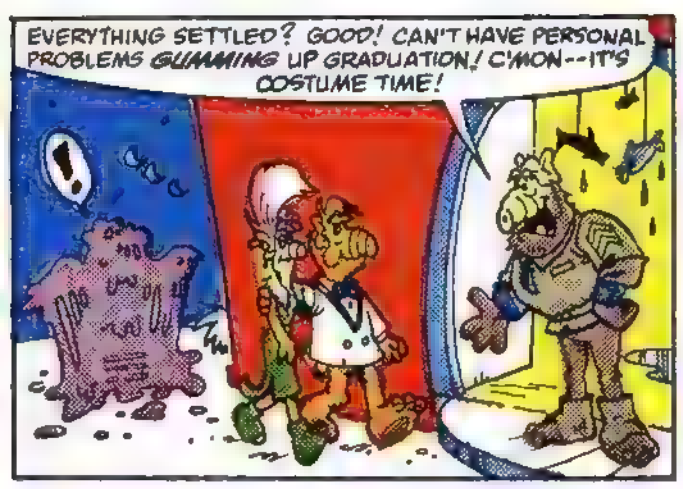
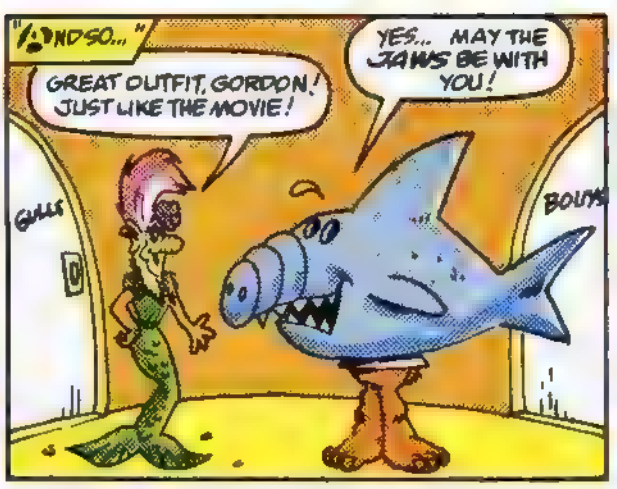
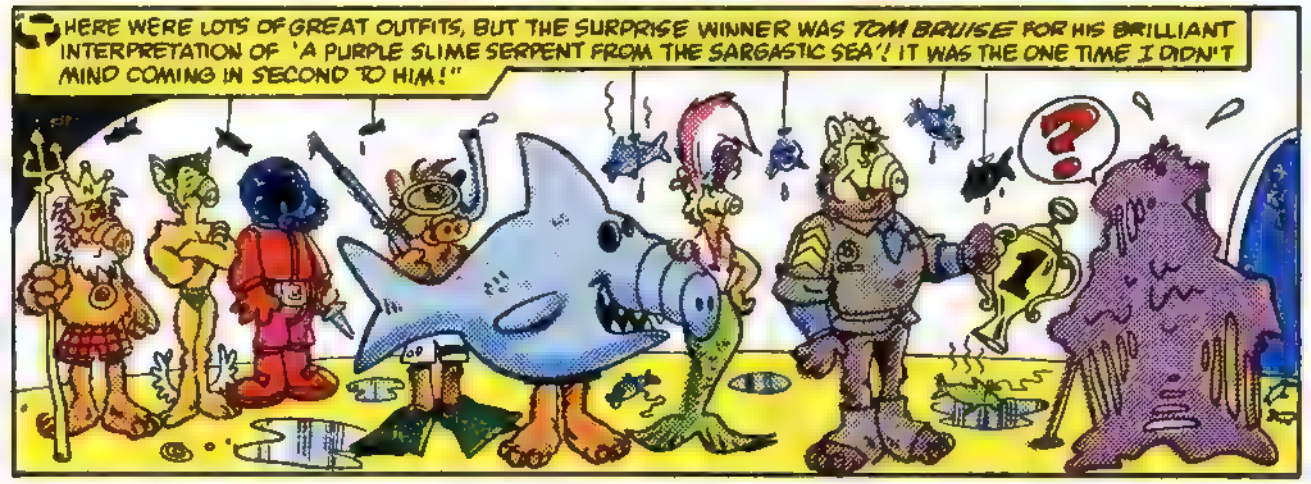

EVERYTHING SETTLED? GOOD! CAN'T HAVE PERSONAL PROBLEMS GUMMING UP GRADUATION! C'MON--IT'S COSTUME TIME!


"AND SO..."
GREAT OUTFIT, GORDON! JUST LIKE THE MOVIE!
YES... MAY THE JAWS BE WITH YOU!
GILLS
BOUM


HERE WERE LOTS OF GREAT OUTFITS, BUT THE SURPRISE WINNER WAS TOM BRUISE FOR HIS BRILLIANT INTERPRETATION OF 'A PURPLE SLIME SERPENT FROM THE SARGASTIC SEA'! IT WAS THE ONE TIME I DIDN'T MIND COMING IN SECOND TO HIM!"
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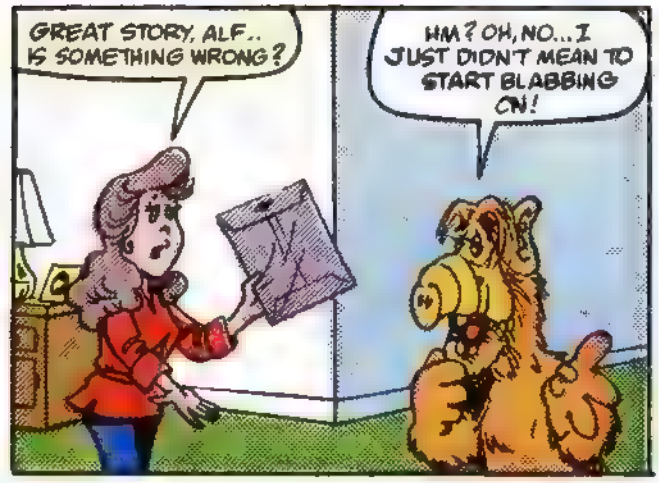
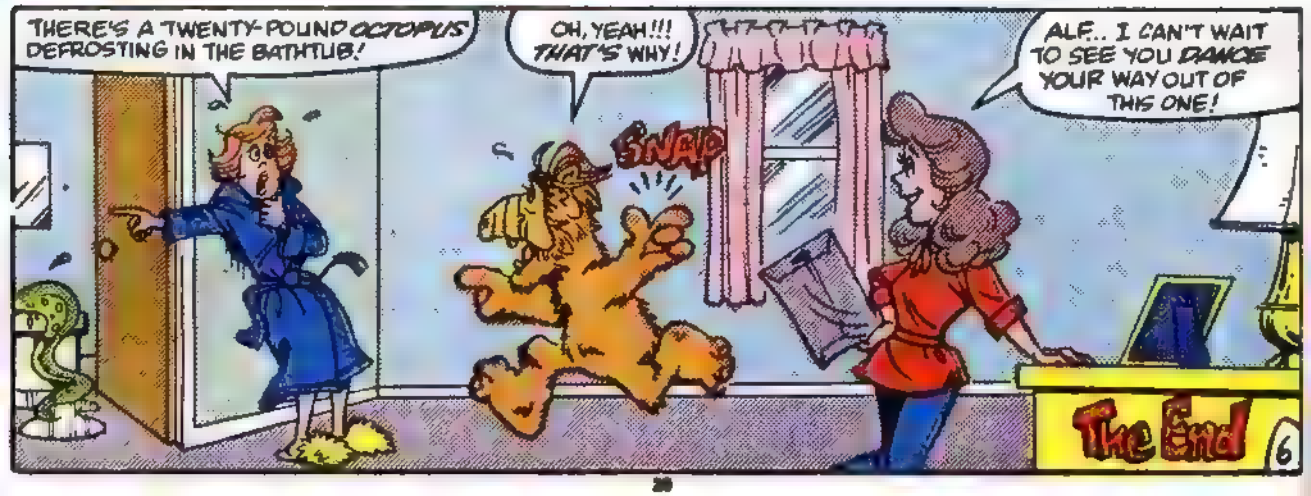

GREAT STORY, ALF.. IS SOMETHING WRONG?
HM? OH, NO...I JUST DIDN'T MEAN TO START BLABBING ON!

SHEESH! I GOT CARRIED AWAY, AND NOW I FORGET WHY I WAS HEADED THIS WAY IN THE FIRST PLACE!
EEK!


THERE'S A TWENTY-POUND OCTOPUS DEFROSTING IN THE BATHTUB!
OH, YEAH!!! THAT'S WHY!
SNAP
ALF.. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU DANCE YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE!
The End

ALF in SMALL WORLDS!

ALF, THIS IS TERRIBLE! I TAKE YOU FOR A NICE RELAXING RIDE IN THE COUNTRY AND I GET A FLAT! WHAT ELSE CAN GO WRONG?

I WISH THE SPARE TIRE WAS AS LOADED AS THAT QUESTION!

FLUB

THOP!

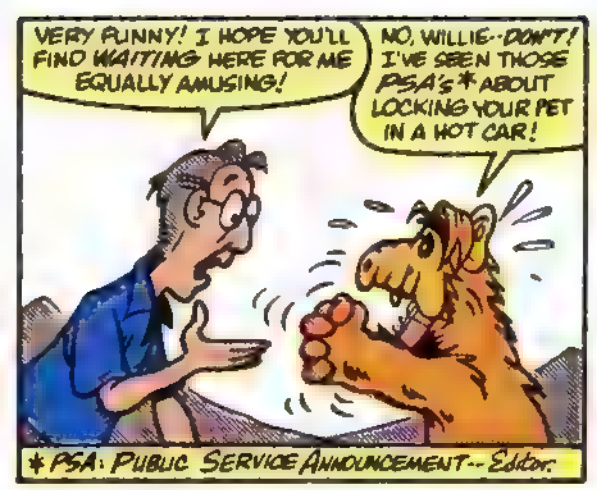
GALLAGHER / MANAK / ROETTCHER

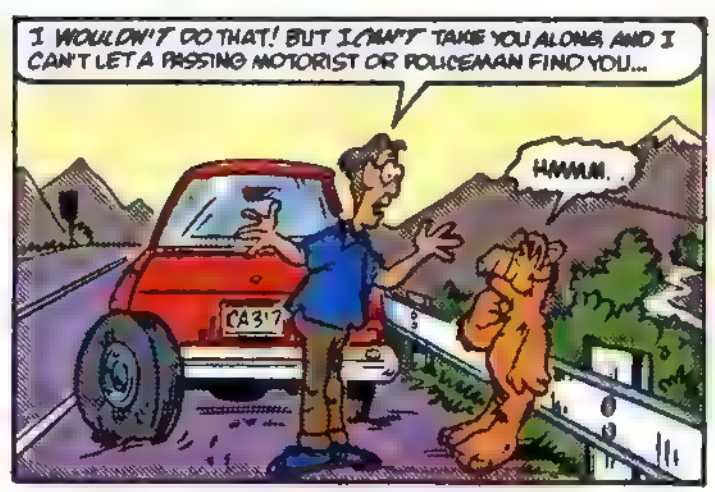
A FLAT SPARE? OH, NO!" NOW I'VE GOT TO WALK ALL THE WAY BACK TO THAT ONE-HORSE TOWN WE PASSED TO GET IT FILLED!

QUARTZ HILLS 4 MILES

TAKE IT EASY, WILLIE! IT'S ONLY FLAT ON THE BOTTOM!

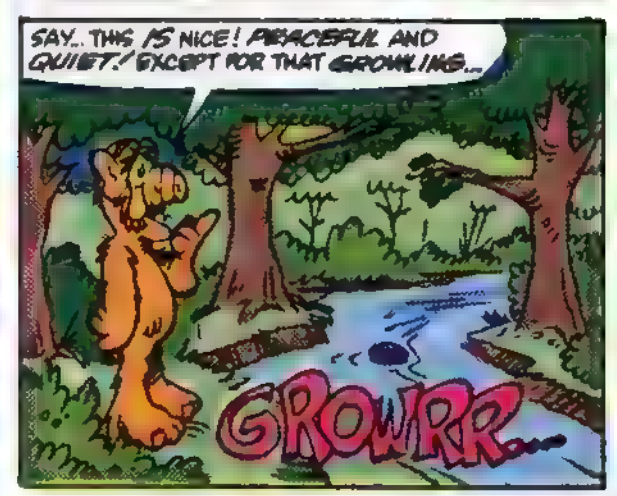
HA!

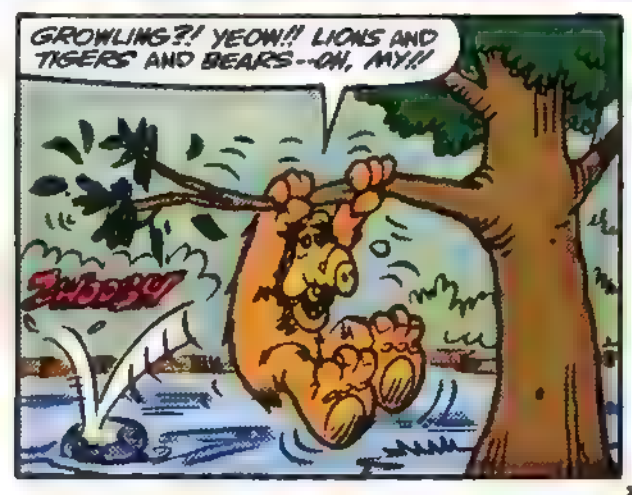

VERY FUNNY! I HOPE YOU'LL FIND WAITING HERE FOR ME EQUALLY AMUSING!
NO, WILLIE--DON'T! I'VE SEEN THOSE PSA'S* ABOUT LOCKING YOUR PET IN A HOT CAR!
* PSA: PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT--Editor.

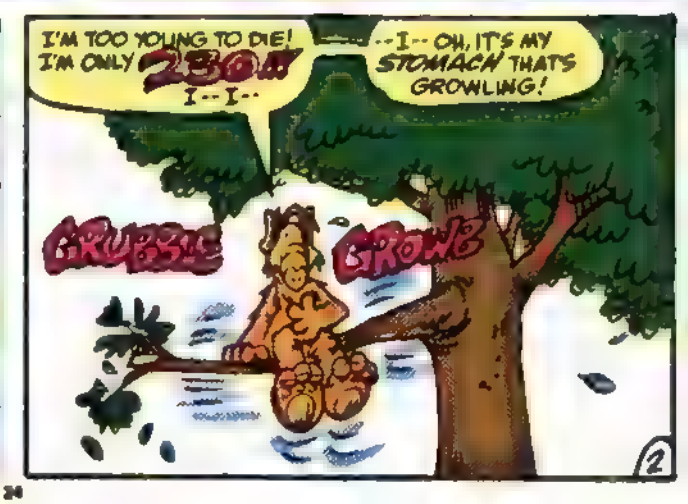

I WOULDN'T DO THAT! BUT I CAN'T TAKE YOU ALONG, AND I CAN'T LET A PASSING MOTORIST OR POLICEMAN FIND YOU...
HMMM...
CA3'7

I KNOW! WAIT DOWN BY THAT RIVER! NO ONE WILL NOTICE--THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE A MUSKRAT!
HEY, YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY MICKEY ROURKE, YOURSELF, WILBUR!
45 MPH

ALF--JUST DO IT, PLEASE! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!
OKAY! I JUST HOPE THERE'S NO Poison Su-Mo/mac GROWING DOWN THERE!


SAY... THIS IS NICE! PEACEFUL AND QUIET! EXCEPT FOR THAT GROWLING...
GROWRR...


GROWLING?! YEOW!! LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS--OH, MY!!
SHOOSH


I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE! I'M ONLY 230! I--I--
--I--OH, IT'S MY STOMACH THAT'S GROWLING!
GRUBBLE
GROWL
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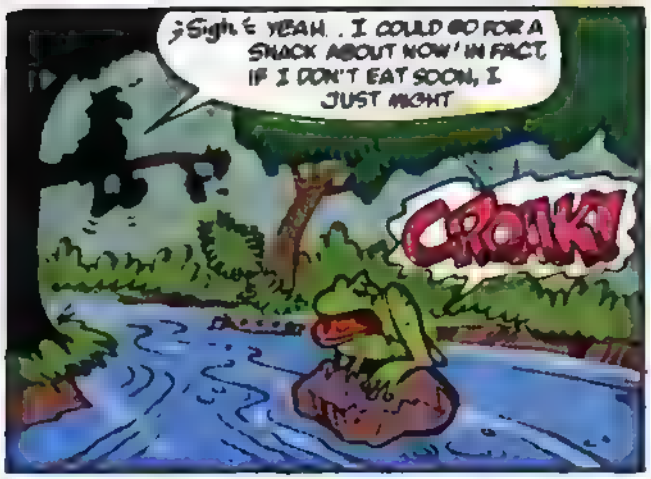
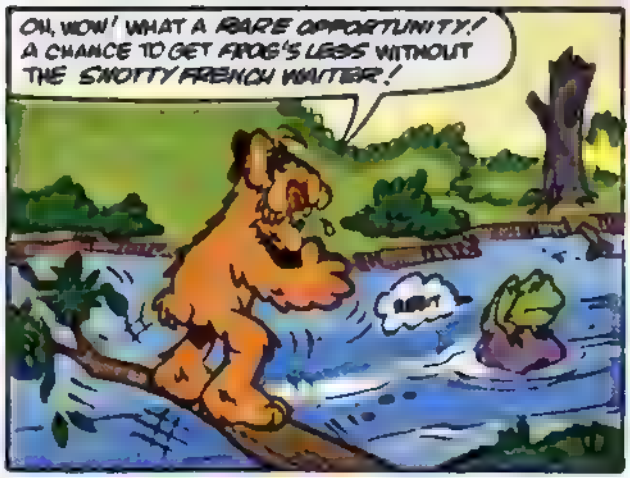
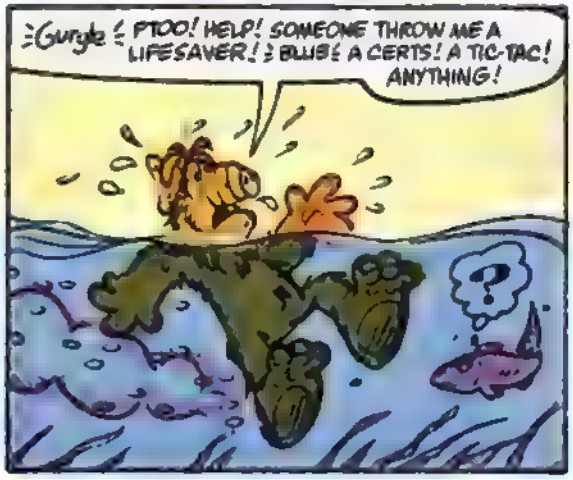

Sigh YEAH. I COULD GO FOR A SNACK ABOUT NOW! IN FACT, IF I DON'T EAT SOON, I JUST MIGHT
CROAK!


OH, WOW! WHAT A RARE OPPORTUNITY! A CHANCE TO GET FROG'S LEGS WITHOUT THE SNOTTY FRENCH WAITER!

POCAHONTAS! ...I MEAN GERONIMO!!!
TWANG
GRK

GLUB! AAAAGH! MELMAN OVERBOARD!
SPLASH!


Gurgle PTOO! HELP! SOMEONE THROW ME A LIFESAVER! BLUB A CERTS! A TIC-TAC! ANYTHING!
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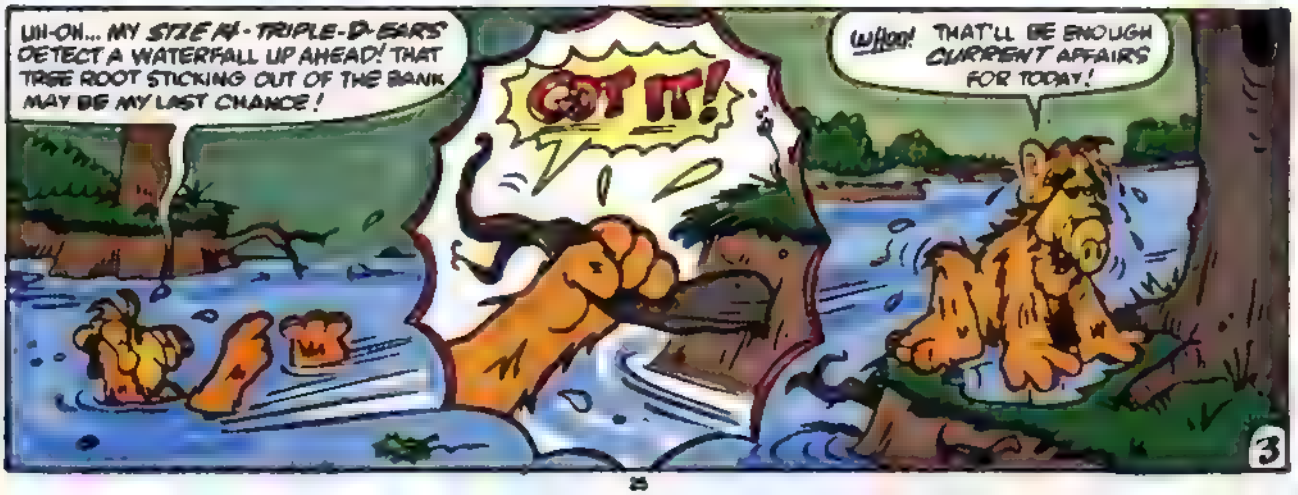
UH-OH... MY SIZE 14-TRIPLE-D-EARS DETECT A WATERFALL UP AHEAD! THAT TREE ROOT STICKING OUT OF THE BANK MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE!
GOT IT!
Whew! THAT'LL BE ENOUGH CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR TODAY!
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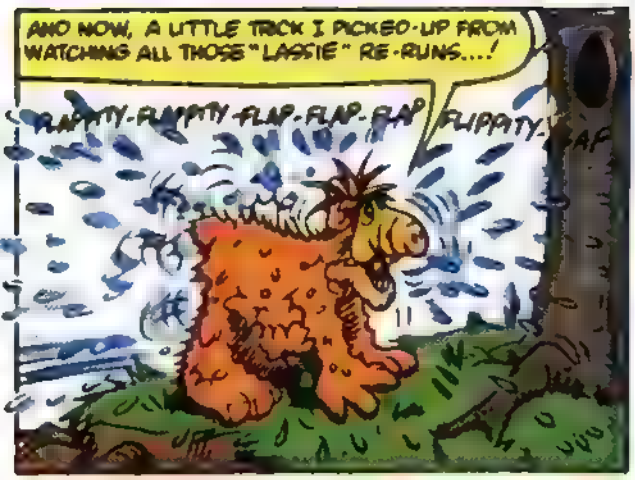
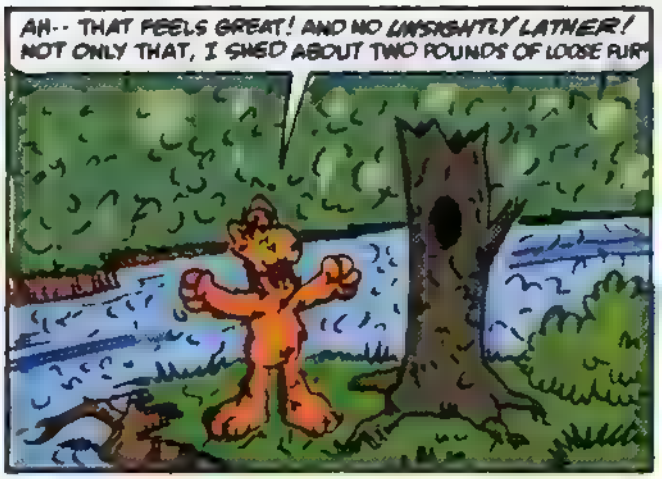
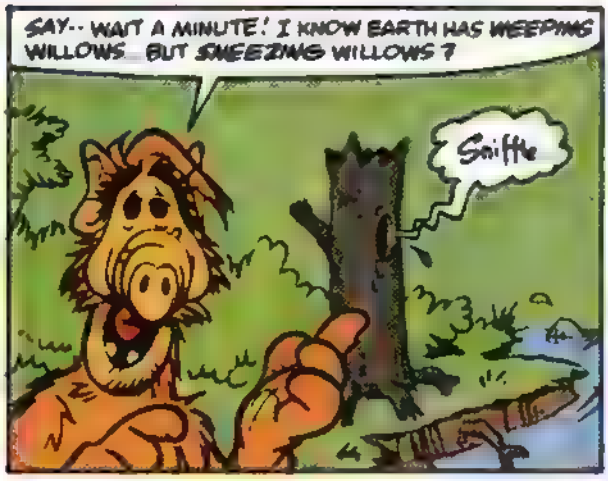
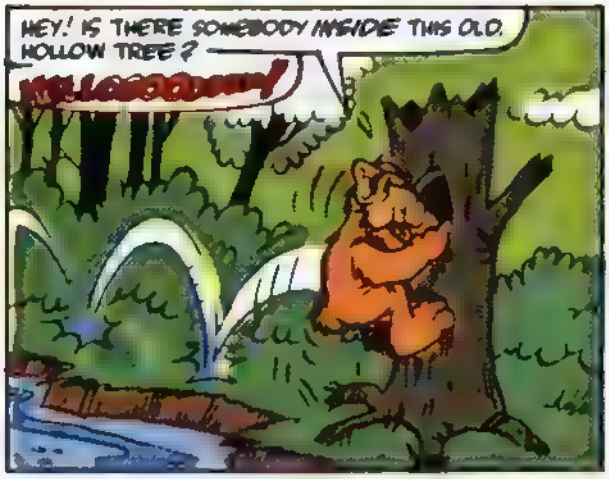
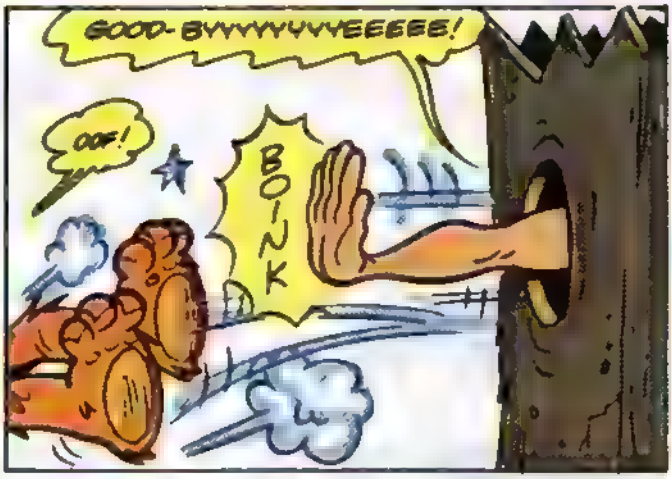

AND NOW, A LITTLE TRICK I PICKED-UP FROM WATCHING ALL THOSE "LASSIE" RE-RUNS...!
FLIPPITY-FLIPPITY-FLAP-FLAP-FLAP
FLIPPITY-FLAP

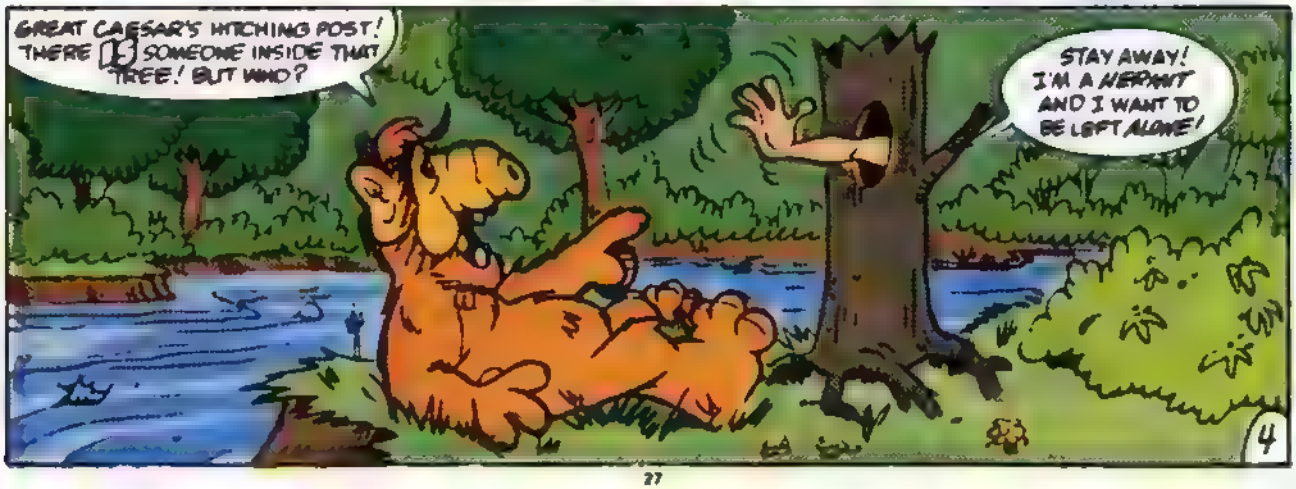

AH-- THAT FEELS GREAT! AND NO UNSIGHTLY LATHER! NOT ONLY THAT, I SHED ABOUT TWO POUNDS OF LOOSE FUR

WELL, I BETTER HEAD BACK UPSTREAM...
WACHOOO!
Gesundheit!


SAY-- WAIT A MINUTE! I KNOW EARTH HAS WEEPING WILLOWS BUT SNEEZING WILLOWS?
Sniffle


HEY! IS THERE SOMEBODY INSIDE THIS OLD, HOLLOW TREE?
HELLOOOOOO!


GOOD-BYYYYYYYEEEEE!
OOF!
BOINK


GREAT CAESAR'S HITCHING POST! THERE IS SOMEONE INSIDE THAT TREE! BUT WHO?
STAY AWAY! I'M A HERMIT AND I WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE!
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STAR SIGNALS

Meet Super Star: GRACE KREMER

Letterer on: COUNT DUCKULA, HEATHCLIFF, TOP DOG, FLINTSTONE KIDS, CARE BEARS, Star Comics covers, ROCKY AND BULLWINKLE, ALF.
Marvel freelance credits (past): Letterer for EWOKS, PLANET TERRY, HUG-A-BUNCH, POPPLES, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, MUPPET BABIES, ROYAL ROY, WALLY THE WIZARD, GET-A-LONG GANG, FRAGGLE ROCK, and DROIDS.
My hobbies are: Outdoor painting, gardening, Yankee Baseball.
The single work of which I am most proud is: THE BLACK FOREST.
My pet peeves are: The Yankees not moving to N.J.
My place of birth is: Jersey City, N.J.
My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Putting vegetables on the table that were picked from my backyard garden.
My oddest habit is: Kicking my shoes off when I cook.
If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Glenn Close.
The reason I got into comics was: I couldn't fit the "Grand Canyon" on my canvas!
People who knew me in High School thought I was: Going to be an artist.
My favorite performers are: Maryanne Kremer & Allan Ames.
The last good book I read was: STREETS OF GOLD by Sid Jacobson.
The last good movie I saw was: THE STONES OF IBARRA.
The biggest influences on my work include: My first Art Director after graduating art school — Warren Kremer (my spouse).
My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: Lettering without getting ink all over my fingers.
The worst part of my job is: The mess I leave when I'm done.
When nobody's looking I like to: Fly to Arizona and visit my daughter.
The one think I really want the world to know about me is: I love my work.

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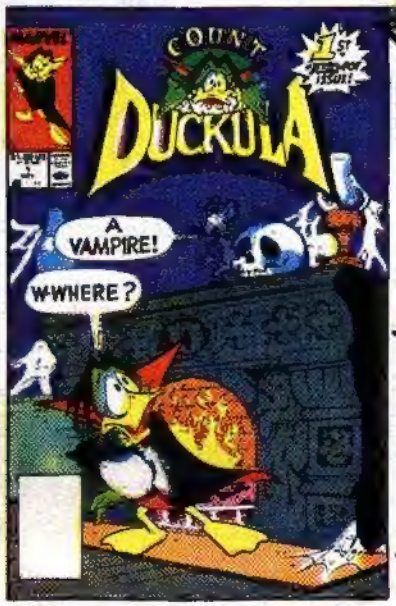

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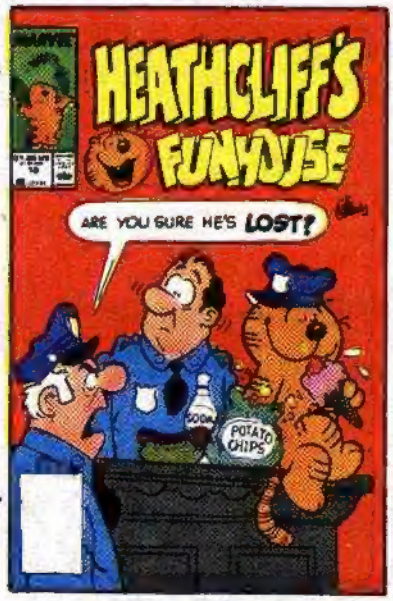

A HERMIT? SOMEONE WHO'S FLED HUMANITY, REJECTED THE RULES, AND CHOSEN SOLITUDE OVER SOCIETY? LIKE SEAN PENN?

JUST BEAT IT!

WELL! EXCUSE ME! I HAD NO IDEA YOU OWNED THIS ENTIRE FOREST, PAL!

WAIT! I'M SORRY... C'MON BACK!

I'VE BEEN HOLED UP IN THIS TREE SO LONG, I'VE FORGOTTEN MY MANNERS... LET ME TELL YOU MY STORY...

"...IT ALL BEGAN MANY YEARS AGO... I WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG ASTRONAUTS IN THE WORLD..."

AT LAST! MY LONG-RANGE ELECTRON TELESCOPE IS FINISHED!

"ONE NIGHT, I POINTED AT THE Aldente Nebula, AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW..."

EUREKA! AN UNKNOWN PLANET! WITH SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE!

"AN ODD-SHAPED LITTLE WORLD WHICH I DETERMINED WAS NAMED.. MELMAC!"

STAY AT THE MELMACIAN HOTEL

FLY DELTA

Approaching MELMAC NO WAKE

Pedro's South of the Milky Way

VOTE NO on prop. 2,476,921,816

OVER 80,000,000,000,000 Served

"I SPENT MONTHS CONFIRMING MY DISCOVERY! THEN I ASKED THE RENOWNED Galileo Society OVER TO SEE IT!"

YOUNG MAN-- IF THIS IS A HOAX, YOU'LL BE THROUGH IN THIS BUSINESS!

NO, SIR! LET ME SIGHT IT UP FOR YOU!

BUT MELMAC WAS GONE! AS IF IT HAD EXPLODED INTO THIN AIR!

SNAP

Sniffle TELL ME ABOUT IT!

I AM TELLING YOU ABOUT IT! I WAS DISGRACED! HUMILIATED! RIDICULED! FINALLY, I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...! I RAN FROM MY OBSERVATORY UNTIL I FOUND MYSELF HERE... WHERE I'M STAYING!"

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO--YOU WERE RIGHT! MELMAC WAS THERE! YOU'RE JUST A VICTIM OF BAD TIMING, THAT'S ALL!

I KNEW YOU'D MAKE FUN OF ME! GO AWAY!

NO! JUST LOOK AT THE MOUTH OF THE CONSTELLATION LEO THE LION! A PIECE OF MELMAC IS STUCK THERE!

HEY! LEMME GO!

CRACK

YAAAGLOOB!

OOPS! THE ROTTEN TREE BROKE AT THE BASE!

SNOP

GRLOOO'SH

BLUBE I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! WHOEVER YOU ARE!

THE NAME'S SHUMWAY!.. MAYBE YOU COULD DROP ME A LINE SOMETIME...

...THAT IS, WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED DROPPING OVER THE WATERFALL!

SCRREEECH!

EEEEEYAAA

FAREWELL, EARTHBOUND DISCOVERER OF MELMAC... "MAY THE FLARS BE WITH YOU!"

KA-SPLOOT!

I'D SAY "GOOD LUCK" TOO... BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE THAT IN ABUNDANCE...!
SAN DIEGO SINGLE WOMEN'S CLUB CAMP OUT

HONK-HONK!
WHAT HO! METHINKS I HEAR THE LYRICAL TRUMPETING OF WILLIE'S HORSELESS CARRIAGE!

IT'S EITHER THAT, OR A CANADA GOOSE TRYING TO PASS A KIDNEY STONE!
HONK!
ZIP

OH, THERE YOU ARE, ALF! I WAS STARTING TO WORRY!
NO PROBLEM, NELSON WILLIE!! LET'S GET ♪ ON THE ROAD AGAIN ♪
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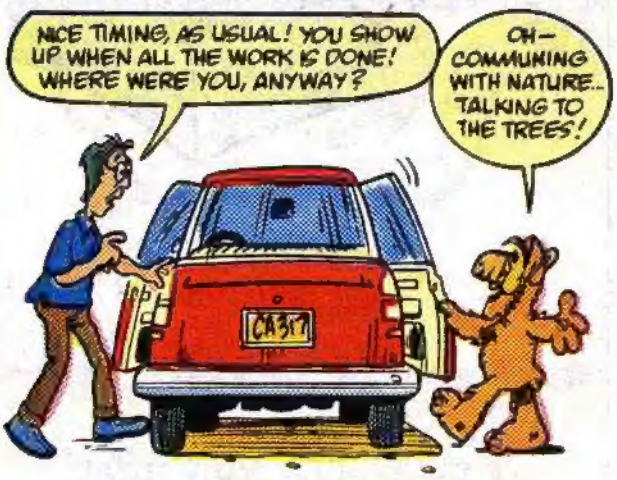
NICE TIMING, AS USUAL! YOU SHOW UP WHEN ALL THE WORK IS DONE! WHERE WERE YOU, ANYWAY?
OH— COMMUNING WITH NATURE... TALKING TO THE TREES!
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AND SO...
ALF! YOU'VE BEEN DIGGING THROUGH MY CASSETTE TAPES SINCE WE STARTED HEADING HOME! ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC?
YES!... I'M REALLY IN THE MOOD TO HEAR "The Greatest Hits of Herman's HERMITS!"
THE END
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